GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the requirement of levy sugar in Gujarat and quantity of sugar supplied to the State at present;

(b) the year-wise quantity of levy sugar supplied and the quantity of sugar required in the State during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the shortage of levy sugar in the State;

(d) if so, the concrete steps taken to supply full quantity of sugar to the State;

(e) whether the Gujarat Government has written to the Union Government and demanded for supply of full quantity of sugar; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to meet the demand of Gujarat in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b) : The monthly allocation of levy sugar to most of the States/Union Territories including the State of Gujarat is being made with effect from 01.03.2000 on a norm of ensuring 425 gms. per capita per month availability on the basis of the projected population as on 01.03.1999. It is not possible, considering the accrual of sugar to the levy account, to allocate levy sugar on the basis of the requirement of the States/Union Territories. From 01.03.2000 till 30.06.2000, the monthly quota of levy sugar for Gujarat State was 20,212 MTs. From 01.07.2000, the monthly levy sugar quota of States/Union Territories has been reduced on account of exclusion of income tax assesses and their family members. Accordingly, in case of Gujarat, the monthly levy sugar quota with effect from 01.07.2000 is 18,035 MTs.

The levy sugar quota of the State of Gujarat during the last 3 years has been as under :-

(In MTs)

Monthly levy sugar quota From 1.1.97 to 29.2.2000	Annual Festival quota From 1.3.2000 to From July, June, 2000	From 1.1.97 2000 onwards	
17557.0	20212.0	18035.0	4878.0

Besides, due to high level of production, adhoc 10% increase over and above the monthly quota was allowed to all States/Union Territories including Gujarat for the period from January, 1997 to May, 1997.

(c), (d), (e) & (f) : Levy sugar quotas of States/Union Territories is fixed as per standard norm keeping in view the production and accrual of levy thereon, etc. As such, it is not possible to meet the additional requirement/demand of levy sugar of a particular State/Union Territory. Levy sugar quotas have been revised from time to time as could be observed from the levy sugar allocations indicated above in the case of Gujarat, during the last three years above.